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Boston. (U.S.) July 6. 1858.

J. Brown Esq.

Dear Sir - In response to your very polite invitation, on behalf of the Publisher of the "Imperial Dictionary of Biography," that I would furnish certain notices of men famous in the Antislavery Cause [i.e. in this country] for the pages of that work, I would say that I am sensible of the honour done to me by your request, as well as of the responsibility it lays upon me if I undertake a compliance. This, with your consent, I will undertake, and will endeavour to accomplish as well as I may be able, - promising only to use my best efforts; to which I shall certainly be strongly moved by a desire that the favourable opportunity afforded for a brief delineation of the true character of the American Antislavery movement, and of the principal persons who have been active in it, may be improved as fully as your limits will allow, and fairly to all ~~persons~~ parties concerned.



I entirely agree with you that it will be better to use the space afforded (which, if I correctly read the word, is ten pages, for all the notices I am expected to furnish,) in giving ampler notice of a few leading persons, than shorter and less satisfactory notices of a larger number. — I fear I may be a little puzzled to determine how fast I may be using up that space; for at present I have but a very faint idea how much of my *Ins.* may go to the page. — If not too much trouble to you, Sir, I should gladly learn from you how many columns (or pages) are already occupied by what you <sup>may</sup> have determined to accept, of the matter already sent by me, to the end of the letter D.

I would say that I forwarded a short biographical notice of Cassius M. Clay of Kentucky, for your Dictionary, (through Mr. Richard D. Webb of Dublin, Publisher,) about a fortnight since, which I hope was not too late.

I suppose that Professor Nichol would be kindly willing to communicate any word from



you, for me, to my correspondent in Dublin.

I have nothing more to furnish to the end of letter D; - nothing in E. When will the letters F. and G. be required?

I would gladly know - if you are prepared to give the information - if the publication of the work will await its entire completion, or if the several volumes will be sent forth as each is completed.

I am, respectfully Yours,  
(Signed) L. M. Jr.



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